

Wallace Ford

State of California
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

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State Director of Public Health
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1901		DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH		7850			
County of Los Angeles		City of Los Angeles		MacDonald Sanitation			
FULL NAME OF CHILD		Wallace Max Ford					
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		DATE OF BIRTH		Sept. 1, 1920			
Sex		Male		Race		White	
Place of Birth		New Zealand		Occupation		Housewife	
Parent		Wallace Ford		Address		1521 So. Hope St. Los Angeles	
247 E. Flower Los Angeles, Cal		Age		26			
White		Married		Yes			
Keeps Restaurant		Born Alive		4:30 P.M.			
Physician		Harley E. MacDonald		Sept. 2, 1920			
Address		1521 So. Hope St. Los Angeles		Reg. 2, 1920			
By E. Sief. Deputy.							

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March 5, 1926

WALLACE FORD
also known as
Wallie D. Ford,
Wallei Ford
Wallace Farad

RECORDS LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT:

WALLEI FORD, Los Angeles Police Department #16447 or 16448

Arrested by Los Angeles Police Department on
November 17, 1918 for assault with a deadly weapon and
released.

Arrested by Los Angeles Police Department on
January 20, 1926 for violation of the Woolwine Act (California
prohibition law), possession and sale. On March 4, 1926, he
was sentenced to a one dollar fine or one day in jail on count
1 and to \$400 fine or 180 days in jail on count 2.

Arrested by Los Angeles Police Department on
February 15, 1926 for violation of the State Poison Act - a
felony. On May 28, 1926 he was sentenced to a term from
6 months to six years and was received at San Quentin Penitent-
iary on June 12, 1926. He was released from San Quentin on May
27, 1929.

SAN QUENTIN RECORDS:

WALLIE D. FORD, SQ #42314

Received at San Quentin June 12, 1926 from Los
Angeles County, where he was convicted for violation of the
State Poison Act. Description:

Born:

Portland, Oregon

February 25, 1891

Father:

ZARED FORD, born in Hawaii

Mother:

BEATRICE FORD, born in Hawaii

Full - Only Full

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**Occupation of
Father:**

Operator of Ford Bottling
Works, Honolulu, Hawaii

Race:

White

Occupation:

Cook

Height:

5' 6 3/8"

Weight:

133 lbs.

Complexion:

Dark

Eyes:

Maroon

Hair:

Black

Marital Status:

Married

Children:

1, age 5 - 1926

Education:

Public schools, Portland,
Oregon

Former Address:

4401 Mount Eagle Place,
Los Angeles, California

Released from San Quentin on May 27, 1929.

While in San Quentin, a letter was received from Mrs. HAZEL E. OSBURNE, described as his former wife, attesting to his character. Her address: 4401 Mount Eagle Place, Los Angeles.

INTERVIEW BY CALIFORNIA STATE PAROLE AUTHORITIES (WHILE AT
SAN QUENTIN), FORD FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

He was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1891 and lived in that city until 1913, when he moved to Los Angeles, where he resided until his arrest.

He married HAZEL BARTON in Los Angeles when she was 26 years of age. One child resulted from this union.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BIRTH INDEX:

Records 1920 Volume 173, page 7850:

WALLACE DODD FORD, male child, born September 1, 1920
at MacDonald Sanitarium.

Father: WALLACE FORD, 347 South Flower Street, Los
Angeles, race white, age 28, born in New Zealand, occupation
restaurant keeper.

Mother: maiden name HAZEL BARTON, 447 South Flower Street, race white, age 25, born State of New York, occupation none.

Birth certified on September 7, 1920 by HARLEY E. MAC DONALD, Physician, with offices at 1521 South Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Attached to the above birth certificate was an amendment to the certificate dated July 10, 1940 filed by HAZEL FORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, who stated she was the mother. Amended certificate changed the original certificate to read: Full name of child, WALLACE MAX FORD, occupation of mother - housewife. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER, 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, also subscribed to the information in the amended certificate on July 1, 1940 before a notary public. HAZEL EVELSIZER swore to this certificate also on July 1, 1940.

RECORDS DETROIT, MICHIGAN, POLICE DEPARTMENT:

WALLACE FARAD, Detroit Police Department #45138, was arrested May 25, 1933 by the Detroit Police Department for investigation. Described as follows: Age 33, height 5'8", weight 135 lbs., "Arabian ancestry", occupation minister. No disposition shown in records. A photo was taken.

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WALLEI FORD, Los Angeles Police Department #16447 or 16448 (arrested November 17, 1918) identical to WALLIE D. FORD, San Quentin #42314 and to WALLACE FARAD, Detroit Police Department #45138.

Last information as to whereabouts of this individual was in 1934. Son, WALLACE FORD, born in 1920, was killed in Linhaven Roads, Virginia, on August 3, 1942 while in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-431650)

DATE 3-8-65

FROM : SA Edwin O. Raudsep

SUBJECT: Wallace D. Ford aka
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On 3-4-65, [REDACTED]

670 [REDACTED] furnished him a background memo re the subject, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Since it contains no additional pertinent data to that already known to the bureau, no action is warranted.

Action: File.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON WALLACE DODD (Aliss Fard, Farrad, etc.)

Dodd, under the name Wallace D. Fard, is the founder of the Black Muslim sect ("Lost-Found Nation of Islam in North America") and is considered by members of the sect the embodiment of God, the Messiah, etc. Elijah Muhammad (Elijah Poole) is his chief apostle and prophet.

Wallace Dodd was born in New Zealand February 26, 1891. His father was British, his mother Polynesian.

His FBI identification number is 56062.

California Bureau of Identification and Investigation lists him as Wallace Ford, #1797924. At San Quentin he was listed as Ford, #42314.

Michigan State Police list him as Wallace Farad, #98076.

Los Angeles Police list him as Wallie D. Ford (arrested for bootlegging Jan 20, 1926)

All of the above carry the same finger prints -- in all cases he is listed as Caucasian.

On the birth certificate of his illegitimate son, Wallace Dodd is listed as white.

His common law wife, also listed as white, was named Hazel Barton.

This certificate, filled out September 1, 1930, was filed with the California State Board of Health September 2, 1930.

(Son named Wallace Dodd -- his mother had it changed to Wallace D. Ford)

(the son is said to have drowned while serving in the Coast Guard in 1942; this would not check out, however, as he would only be 12 years old)

Dodd arrived in the United States from New Zealand in 1913, settled briefly in Portland, Oregon. He married but abandoned his wife and infant son.

He lingered in the Seattle Area as Fred Dodd for a few months, then moved to Los Angeles and opened a restaurant at 603 W. Third Street as Wallace D. Ford.

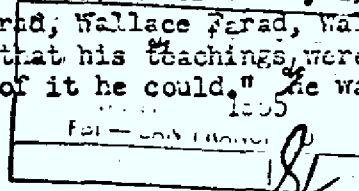
He was arrested for bootlegging January, 1926; served a brief jail sentence (also as Wallace D. Ford) -- identified on record as white.

On June 12, 1926, also as Ford, was sentenced to San Quentin for sale of narcotics at his restaurant; got 6-months to 6-years sentence -- released from San Quentin May 27, 1929. Prison record lists him as Caucasian.

After release, went to Chicago, then to Detroit as a silk peddler. His customers were mostly Negro and he himself posed as a Negro. He prided himself as a biblical authority and mathematician.

When Elijah Muhammad (Poole) met him, he was passing himself off as a savior and claiming that he was born in Mecca and had arrived in the U. S. on July 4, 1930.

In 1933 there was a scandal revolving about the sect involving a "human sacrifice" which may or may not have been trumped up. At any rate, the leader was arrested May 25, 1933, under the name Fard with 8 other listed aliases (W. D. Farrad, Wallace Farad, Wain Farrad, Prof. Ford, etc.) The official report says Dodd admitted that his teachings were "strictly a racket" and he was "getting all the money out of it he could." He was ordered out of Detroit.



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A newspaper article which appeared in the San Francisco Examiner and the Los Angeles Examiner on July 28, 1963, reporter Ed Montgomery (of San Francisco) claimed to have contacted Dodd's former common law wife — Hazel Barton or Hazel Dodd or Hazel Ford. According to this account, Dodd went to Chicago after leaving Detroit and became a traveling suit salesman for a mail order tailor. In this position he worked himself across the midwest and ultimately arrived in Los Angeles in the spring of 1934 in a new car and wearing flowing white robes. He tried to work out a reconciliation with the woman, but she would not agree to one. (Incidentally, she said he had sent her considerable amounts of money from time to time) He stayed in Los Angeles for two weeks, frequently visiting his son. Then he sold his car and boarded a ship bound for New Zealand where he said he would visit relatives.

On Sunday, February 28, 1965, Ed Montgomery ~~also~~ wrote a rehash of the above in which he said the Muslims claim "police and San Quentin Prison records dating back to the early 1920's had been altered and that fingerprints identifying Farad as Dodd had been doctored." Elijah Muhammad said he would have posted \$100,000 reward "for any person who could prove Farad and Dodd were one and the same person. Ten days later Muhammad's office in Chicago was advised Farad's common law wife and a blood relative were prepared to establish the truth of Farad's identity. The \$100,000 never was placed in escrow and the matter was ~~soon~~ dropped forthwith."

Montgomery's article says of Dodd's disappearance: "Farad, reverting to his true name of Dodd, sailed for Australia."

620 From confidential source: 

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-43165)

DATE: July 31, 1963

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD
SM-NOI

The San Francisco Examiner in its Final Edition for Sunday, July 28, 1963, on page 1 carries an article by ED MONTGOMERY captioned: "BLACK MUSLIM FAKE". This article exposes WALLACE FARAD (subject), founder of the NOI and considered ALLAH, as "an enterprising, racketeering fake" and a white man. The article was forwarded to the Bureau and a copy has been designated for the NOI file (100-51473) in this office. If another copy can be made available, it will be filed in this case file. The purpose of this memorandum is to note the existence of the article and where it can be located.

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-43165)

DATE: May 20, 1963

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD
EM - NOI

Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated May 2, 1963.

On May 20, 1963, [REDACTED] State Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, advised she is unable to locate any automobile registered to Wallace Dodd Ford. She explained that auto registration files are purged in the DMV files two years after the last registration of the particular automobile is registered.

On May 20, 1963, [REDACTED] State Department of Corrections, Sacramento, advised that Donaldson prison file is at the California Medical Facility, Vacaville, California.

LEADAt Vacaville, California

Will review the prison file of [REDACTED] California Prison number [REDACTED]. Will obtain copy of his fingerprints if they are included in his prison file. He served a term of five years to life at Folsom Prison and was released September 7, 1934.

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TO : SAC, SF (100-43165)

DATE: 10/4/57

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: W.D. FORD
SM-NOI
OO:CHICAGO

Re SF Letter to Director dated 8/27/57.

AT VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA:

67c On 10/4/57 [REDACTED] ID Officer, Guidance and Reception Center, California Medical Facility, made available a photograph of WALLIE D. FORD, SQ# 42314, which photo he stated was taken in June, 1926 when the subject was received in the reception center.

[REDACTED] stated his records indicate that the subject was arrested in Detroit, Michigan, their number 45138, on 5/25/33 on a charge of investigation. He suggested that the Detroit authorities might have a more recent photo.

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W.D. FARD
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87-2033 [REDACTED] July 21, 1957

As a result of a recent inspection of the Chicago Office, it was suggested that a concerted effort be made to determine the whereabouts of W.D. FARD, reportedly the founder of the Nation of Islam (NOI). According to speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National Leader of the NOI, "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W.D. FARD and taught him for 3 years concerning Islam. According to MUHAMMAD, FARD was arrested by the Detroit Police Department in 1933, and shortly thereafter was asked to leave Detroit by the police department. MUHAMMAD claims that FARD continued to teach Islam in Chicago until 1934, at which time FARD disappeared and nothing about him has been heard since this time.

The files of the Chicago Office indicate that W.D. FARD, as WALLACE DON FARD, FBI # 56062, was arrested as WALLACE FARD by the Detroit, Michigan Police Department on May 25, 1933, their number 45138, on a charge of INV. No disposition was given.

The Identification Record for FARD also indicates that he was arrested by the Los Angeles, California Police Department as WALLIE FORD, their number 16448, on November 17, 1918, on a charge of ADW. No disposition was given.

2-Detroit [REDACTED] (RM)
2-Los Angeles (RM)
2-San Francisco (RM)
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This record also indicates that FARD was received at the State Prison, San Quentin, California, as WALLIE D. FORD, their number 42314, on June 26, 1926 on a charge of VIOL, POIS Act. Disposition given 0 to 6 years, May 26, 1933, DISCH. 27 29

Other entries on the FBI Identification Record are WALLEY #16448, Los Angeles, California, WA, sale, \$4.00 or 180 days; WALLEY FORD #16448, Los Angeles, California, WA, POSS, March 4, 1926, \$1.00 or 1 day, March 4, 1926. Additional aliases listed are WALLACE FORD and W.D. FARAD.

The following is a description as furnished by the Detroit Police Department, their number 45138:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	33 years in 1933
Weight	127 pounds
Height	5'6 1/2"
Build	Slim
Hair	Black
Eyes	Maroon
Nationality	Arabian

According to the FBI Identification Record, additional information in the files of the Bureau indicate birth place as Oregon, occupation cook, nationality American, complexion dark, scars and marks, small scar back of left hand, black mole right side of stomach.

Detroit is requested to review the indices of their Office for any pertinent information concerning W.D. FARD or WALLACE DON FARD, WALLACE FARAD. Detroit is also requested to review records of the Detroit Police Department, their number 45138, and ascertain circumstances concerning FARD's arrest on May 25, 1933 and disposition thereof, and to furnish Chicago a photograph if available.

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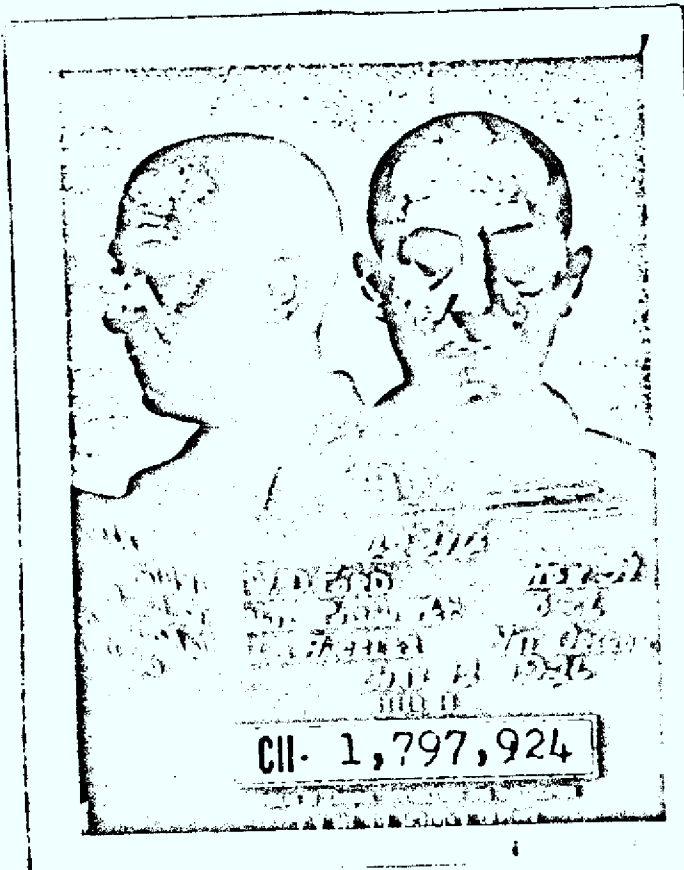
Los Angeles is requested to review Los Angeles Police Department record number 16448, and advise Chicago of the circumstances surrounding the arrest of FARD for ADW and disposition thereof. It is also requested that a photograph, if available, be furnished.

San Francisco is requested to contact officials at San Quentin Prison and review their file #42314, and advise Chicago circumstances surrounding the incarceration of FARD, and if available, furnish a photograph.

It is requested that all Offices receiving copies of this letter be furnished the requested information by letter.

1 ³ photo of WALLIE D. FORD, SO # 12314, taken June, 1926. Rec'd 10/4/57.
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